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As drafted by Robert S Weinhold (with minor edits by Thomas C Weinhold):

I have become severely disabled by wireless emissions, and am now extremely vulnerable to both wireless and a range of wired emission sources.

The first major blow came in March 2011 when my electrical utility provider installed a wireless smart meter on my house. Within 15 minutes I began to have debilitating symptoms (muddled thinking, jitteriness, overall weakness and head pressure) even though I was inside my house 30-40 feet away from the meter. After a couple hours, it was clear that this set of symptoms, which I'd never had before, were a major problem. Within 5 hours of the installation, my utility responded to my ardent pleading and removed the smart meter and put my old meter back on. But to this day I'm still fighting my utility, which still wants to reinstall the smart meter even though many utilities around the country now allow opt-outs. Mine won't allow an opt-out, and won't even explain why, other than saying in a variety of ways that they don't want to.

It took me about two months to recover, but all of the unavoidable exposures since then (even though I have no wireless devices in my own home, and work very hard at minimizing exposures while in other settings) have continued to wear down my body's defenses. I now can't tolerate emissions from any computer or phone (wired or wireless), my radio, my TV, my electric oven, or electric razor. This is all extraordinarily limiting of course, since I have become unemployed due to my condition and can have very little interaction with the rest of society. It is devastating.

When I could still use a computer, I searched the research literature and found there is an appalling lack of research on health effects specific to smart meters and their unique characteristics; on the other hand, there are thousands of studies providing clues that there can be adverse health effects in many body systems caused by non-thermal emissions from all kinds of wireless devices. For you to allow widespread rollouts of various wireless devices, and not insist first on having supporting evidence for their safety, based on hundreds, maybe thousands, of studies that address a wide range of emission and exposure conditions, is extremely reckless and irresponsible. Before allowing any further spread of wireless devices, this severe science deficit must be remedied. After the appropriate science is done, it may well be relatively easy to properly design, install, and use these devices so that people like me aren't maimed for life. Until then, it remains impossible to know who will be affected, and how.

AS part of your efforts, you should make it possible, legal and easy for individuals to avoid wireless exposures as much as possible. For instance, it is absolutely inhumane that my utility can still forcibly reinstall my smart meter if they so choose (and I have found out there is absolutely no official or agency in my state who can stop them), despite dozens of pages of information and evidence I have given them, including several letters from my doctors and many people who have known me for decades.

Thank you for your consideration, and for effectively and rapidly addressing this serious public health threat.